

REMARKS

Applicant's counsel thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given the application. Applicant's counsel also thanks the Examiner for the brief telephone conference on January 29, 2007 in which the Examiner suggested amending claim 12 as it has now been amended in order to overcome the rejection. The Examiner also indicated that he thought that claim 13 would also be okay as now written without need for further amendment.

In the most recent Office action two of the references were not initialed by the Examiner. The U.S. PTO records indicate that copies of those two references were sent by the International Bureau to the U.S. PTO, but apparently were lost. Accordingly, applicant is enclosing copies of those two references (GB 1,179,172 and WO 02/03055), along with another copy of the Form PTO-1449; applicant's counsel requests that these two references be considered and an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned with the next communication.

Since all open items have now been resolved and all claims are now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued and the case be allowed.

If any additional fees are required by this communication which are not covered by the enclosed check, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 37138.

Respectfully submitted,

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